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01. In June 1952, an exhibition of all Czechoslovakian industry branches was held in the Kongresshaus in Zuerich. The exhibition was arranged by the [redacted] and showed many new, and good, products of all market export branches. A number of visitors attended the exhibition.

However, practically no contracts were concluded for the purchase of machinery because Czechoslovakian firms could not agree to binding delivery terms.

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The U.S.S.R. demands a certain number of specific machines which must be delivered according to Soviet directives. It has even occurred that machinery, already packed for shipment to some other buyer abroad or in Czechoslovakia, has been requested by the U.S.S.R.

5. The Chinese, too, demand a considerable part of the Czechoslovakian machine production. If necessary, the Chinese trade delegation successfully approach the U.S.S.R. for intervention. Payments for those diverted orders are made promptly. The official distribution agencies of Czechoslovakia, therefore, do not wish to antagonize the U.S.S.R. by protecting the original buyer.

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